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SUBJECT: ACADEMIC EQUIVALENCIES

1. PLEASE INFORM AMB. THIERFELDER THAT NATIONAL COUNCIL ON EVALUATION OF FOREIGN STUDENT CREDENTIALS MET JULY 27 AND EXAMINED BOTH TRANSLATED DESCRIPTION OF GERMAN EDUCATION SYSTEM AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED AT FEBRUARY MEETING IN BONN AS LATER AMENDED. DRAFT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TABLED WAS LATEST VERSION DATED 18 JULY AND TELEXED TO STRAUS VIA GERMAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. TEXT AS TABLED SENT SEPTEL.

2. COUNCIL ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS AS DRAFTED WITH TWO CHANGES:

(A) IN PARA II.1. COUNCIL INSERTED FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE: QUOTE STUDENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION AS SPECIAL STUDENTS AT EITHER THE UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE LEVEL DEPENDING ON INSTITUTIONAL POLICY WHILE THE ADMITTING INSTITUTION DETERMINES WHAT DEFICIENCIES ARE TO BE REMOVED BEFORE FULL ADMISSION TO A

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GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IS GRANTED. UNQUOTE THIS SENTENCE IS INTENDED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO ADMISSIONS OFFICER AND DOES NOT DETRACT FROM THE LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT INDICATED IN THE FIRST SENTENCE.

(B) IN PARA II, 2., CHANGE THE LAST THREE WORDS TO READ QUOTE IN APPROPRIATE FIELDS UNQUOTE TO PERMIT A BROADER

EVALUATION OF THE STUDENT. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, STUDENTS WHOSE SPECIFIC FIELD IS ENGINEERING MIGHT BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN MATHEMATICS.

3. COUNCIL GENERALLY LIKED TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION OF GERMAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BUT FOUND THAT SOME DATA WERE MISSING AND WILL FORWARD SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. AS AN EXAMPLE, COUNCIL NOTED ABSENCE OF DESCRIPTION OF LEHRANSTALT, CERTIFICATES OF WHICH ARE PRESENTED TO AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS. WE WILL SEND THESE SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS WE PULL THEM TOGETHER FROM THE NOTES OF VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS.

4. COMMENT: THE DAY-LONG SESSION DEVOTED BY THE COUNCIL TO THIS ISSUE WENT EXTREMELY WELL AND WE BELIEVE GERMAN DELEGATION SHOULD BE VERY PLEASED WITH OUTCOME. VANCE

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